

Umpire of the Year Award

The Baseball Queensland Umpire of the Year Award aims to recognise and honour the significant contributions made by umpires to the sport of baseball in Queensland. This prestigious award seeks to acknowledge umpires who have consistently demonstrated exceptional skills, professionalism, and dedication to ensuring fair play and sportsmanship during baseball games. Nominations for this award are open to umpires at all levels of involvement, including local, regional, and state-level competitions.

Criteria for Nomination:

1. **Umpiring Competence:** Nominees should possess a high level of umpiring competence, including a thorough understanding of baseball rules, mechanics, and positioning on the field.
2. **Consistency and Accuracy:** The nominated umpire should exhibit consistency and accuracy in making calls and decisions throughout the season or relevant period of involvement.
3. **Sportsmanship and Communication:** Umpires nominated for this award must exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, professionalism, and effective communication with players, coaches, and fellow officials.
4. **Adaptability and Composure:** The nominated umpire should demonstrate adaptability and composure in handling challenging or intense game situations.
5. **Commitment to Professional Development:** Umpires who have pursued continuous professional development and education in umpiring or related fields should be acknowledged for their dedication to improving their skills and knowledge.
6. **Contribution to the Baseball Community:** Nominees should have contributed significantly to the baseball community through their umpiring efforts, positively impacting the game experience for players, coaches, and spectators.
7. **Mentorship and Leadership:** Umpires who have taken the initiative to mentor and support other aspiring umpires, contributing to the development and growth of umpiring within the baseball community, should be considered for nomination.
8. **Positive Attitude and Enthusiasm:** The nominated umpire should exhibit a positive attitude and enthusiasm for the sport, serving as a role model for others in the baseball community.
9. **Testimonials and Recommendations:** Nominations should be supported by testimonials and recommendations from players, coaches, fellow officials, and

administrators, highlighting the nominee's exceptional umpiring skills and contributions.

Eligibility Period:

The eligibility period for nominations is the 12 months to September.

Nomination Process:

Baseball Queensland will invite nominations from the public, including players, coaches, fellow officials, administrators, and other stakeholders. Nominations can be submitted through an online form or via email.

Selection Committee:

A selection committee, appointed by Baseball Queensland, will review all nominations and determine the recipient of the Umpire of the Year Award. The committee will consist of knowledgeable individuals from the baseball community, experienced umpires, and related fields.

Announcement of Winner:

The recipient of the Baseball Queensland Umpire of the Year Award will be announced during the Baseball Queensland Hall of Fame and Awards Dinner, 16 September 2023.

Deadline for nominations.

All entries will close COB Friday 18 August 2023.

Nominations Guidelines link>>> <https://bit.ly/bqstateawards>